

World Federation Offers Only Hope For World Peace

Robert Lee Humber Spoke To Group In High School Last Tuesday Night

Addressing members of the local Woman's Club and a few guests in the high school auditorium here last Tuesday night, Robert Lee Humber, "world citizen," voiced the conviction that our present system of diplomacy can only lead to war, that only a world federation can offer the nations peace.

Although his audience was limited in number, the speaker recognized as one of the foremost students of world government and relations, said there were sufficient persons present to stir a city, and once a city is stirred its work could sweep a state, a nation.

"Let us pause and see where we are today," the speaker said. "We are still in a state of war nerves, following a period during which 70 million lives were lost, including the starvation deaths in China. We have just come out of a period during which great metropolitan centers, requiring centuries to build, were destroyed. There was the atomic bomb at Hiroshima where 250,000 people evaporated. We can't conceive of the damage and destruction. There is no yard stick to evaluate it. We tried to predicate our future on scientific principles and we see what happened," Mr. Humber said, adding that we are not yet on the right track to do anything about it.

"Centuries ago," he continued, "the Roman Empire broke up into France, Germany, England, and others. We are undergoing transformation today, but instead of growing outwardly, we are moving toward a center. And unless we understand that center, we will be lost."

"Several years before the war, France was in a state of war nerves. There was a paralysis of leadership, and the average Frenchman guessed that he had little more than one chance out of ten to keep out of war. There was little hope for peace in the Frenchman's mind under the existing system of diplomacy."

"And now after the holocaust, we have not yet adopted definite policies that will advance unity and solidarity of the human race. There is a conference of ministers in Moscow now. Will it succeed?" the speaker asked and went on to say it will come just as near success in Moscow as in any other city. "But we have not yet decided what we want and how to get it. Is it economic expansion by exploitation or is it law and order for the advancement of humanity we want? Do we want one nation to dominate at the expense of another?"

"We will adopt principles and policies for unity or we will disintegrate. We cannot continue the present regime or system and expect to survive."

"Today, every world order and law is predicated on diplomacy. Every nation has a right to operate on its own, but, together, there is no political responsibility or obligation. We can depend only on voluntary cooperation, and the record shows that it has not worked very well, that it leaves us in a state of apprehension."

"We must organize politically if we are ever to have peace. Williamston is organized politically. This State is organized politically, and our nation is organized politically. We must organize a world political community instead of a diplomatic system," the speaker said, explaining that the character of the political community provided government by law, power to make and enforce laws. "While the political community has citizens, the diplomatic system has no citizens, no government and no courts, relying solely upon voluntary cooperation for its success."

"When a gangster breaks through a window, one must have more power than voluntary cooperation to keep him out. Under our present system we are trying to pour wine of internationalism into bottles of nationalism, and it won't go, and it is not practical to live in face of destruction."

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Predict Close Races In Monday Election

No Provision Is Made In Law For A Second Primary

Few Issues Been Advanced; Candidates Steer Clear Of Platform Pledge

Williamston will hold its first primary election next Monday for the nomination of a mayor and five town commissioners, the prognosticators declaring there'll be a close race. It is more or less admitted that few, if any, of the candidates feel positively certain of nomination. Impatient to await the outcome of the balloting next Monday, the prognosticators are going out on a limb and are predicting that the election will make some changes in the town's governing personnel. How many changes and where the changes will be centered, the observers politely declined to say.

Few issues have been advanced in the campaign to date. Certainly none has been brought out into the open, but there are the usual rumors. "It is fairly evident that there has been a move on some one's part to split up the vote," one of the early candidates declared this week, adding that he could not say against whom the split is being directed.

Steering clear of a solid block, several of the challenging candidates met Wednesday night and discussed the situation, and the possibility of withdrawals was brought up. Such action was ruled out, leaving the voters a field of eighteen—four for mayor and fourteen for commissioners—to choose from. For the first time during the campaign supporters moved in this week to lend cash aid to some of the candidates.

While general statements and pledges have been made, Robert Cowen, candidate for mayor, is the only one to itemize a plank platform. His platform, although limited, appears elsewhere in this paper.

Town politics have been discussed openly, to be sure, but it is believed that the secret vote will enter into the picture in a big way on election day. There are an estimated 1,250 persons registered and eligible to vote, and it is now thought that between 900 and 1,000 will participate in the election.

The election next Monday will just about settle the political score for the next two years. It will be followed by a general election, to be sure, but the May balloting will be little more than a formality, just as it has been for years and years in this democratic stronghold. No provision is made in the law for a second primary, the nominations going to the high man in the race for mayor and to the five polling the highest votes for commissioners.

Although the law is not very democratic, it isn't likely that the next Monday election mandate will be challenged, whatever it may be. To determine a majority, the total vote cast is divided by the number of candidates and the resulting figure is then divided by two. But the law, designed especially for the local municipal primary election by the recent State Legislature, specifically says the nominations shall go to the highest candidate for mayor and the five highest for commissioners.

Tornado Strikes Oklahoma Towns

Striking along the Texas-Oklahoma border Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, a tornado, described as one of the worst in history, killed at least 150 persons and injured at least one thousand others. One town, in the center of the tornado, was virtually cleared from the map.

Complete details of the disaster could not be had from the stricken center immediately, but reports stated that the Red Cross was rushing relief there in volume and that aid was being extended by others from miles away.

BRIDE FROM ITALY



Mrs. Darrell M. Price, who before her marriage in Bari, Italy, on last April 26, was Miss Anna Maldari of that city. She met Captain Price while employed as secretary in the Psychological Warfare Branch of the American Expeditionary forces at the Balkan Headquarters in Bari. Accompanied by her husband she arrived in this country a short time ago and is spending several weeks here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Price.

County Ball Club Making Ready for Play At Everetts

Over \$1,100 Spent So Far On Park and Equipment Manager States

Everetts is rapidly making ready for opening the regular playing season in the Martin County Baseball League on April 20, Manager Will Crawford announced this week.

"We have filled in and graded the park, using three tractors and the services of a dozen or more volunteers," the club manager said. Over 8,000 feet of timber have been donated by the people in our community. But we need about 3,000 more feet to complete the fence and grandstand now under construction. The farmers have been very generous with their timber and Mr. Barnhill has aided us with the milling.

"We have purchased just about all of our equipment, and so far have spent about \$1,100. We need about \$300 more to complete the plant and start the season even on April 20," Mr. Crawford added.

Fifteen players have been tentatively signed by the club to date, including Junior Stalls, pitcher and 3rd-base; Buddy Stalls and Herbert Cullipher, left field; Whit Mallory and Paul Williams, 1st; Clayton Keel and William Cherry, 2nd; Russell Bailey Wynne, short stop; Tom Robertson, catcher; James Alfred Stalls, center field; G. G. Bailey, Jr., and Lee Clark, fielders; George Keel and Herman Crawford, pitchers.

Reports state that nearly every club in the league is making ready for the season opening. A meeting was held here Thursday to decide plans for a grandstand.

FORMALITY

The opening of the municipal registration books here Saturday from 9:00 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. for the challenge of any names placed on the books is little more than a formality in the election system.

While there may be some borderline registrations, it is not likely that any of the candidates or their friends will step up to challenge any names. No one is certain how another is going to vote, and a challenge may cost the challenger a vote. Therefore, it is quite likely that the registration will stand with about 1,250 names of local people on the books.

Drive For Cancer Funds To Start In County Next Week

Wheeler Manning Says The County Asked To Raise \$1500 This Year

The 1947 National Campaign of the American Cancer Society is scheduled to get under way in Martin County next Tuesday, and will continue the remainder of the month, according to Wheeler M. Manning, chairman of the drive in this county. The campaign was scheduled to begin on April 1, but was delayed locally and throughout the county in order to avoid a conflict with the Red Cross and Crippled Children drives.

As a part of the nation-wide drive, North Carolina is being asked to raise a quota of \$168,000.00, and of this amount Martin County is being asked to contribute \$1,500. The county's quota is 50 percent larger than it was last year, and approximately \$300 more than was raised last year. The nation's goal is \$12,000,000.00.

"We realize that there have been repeated calls by various agencies and organizations in recent months, but the need for funds is so great and the cause so worthy and urgent that we feel it imperative to get busy and support the American Cancer Society in its great work," Chairman Manning said.

The need for action is pointed out in vital statistics which clearly indicate a steady and rapid increase in cancer deaths. Ten years ago, 142,613 Americans died from the dreaded disease. It is estimated accurately that 175,000 will have died of the disease before this year is spent, and that unless the trend is checked, the death toll will approximate 215,000 in 1956.

The various township quotas will be announced and published within the next few days along with the names of the township chairman, the head of the drive said today.

VEP To Sponsor Special Contest

Final plans for the participation of 4-H Club boys and girls of Martin County in a Better Methods Electric Contest were made here this week at a meeting of T. B. Brandon, county farm agent; W. J. Rideout, Jr., agricultural engineer of the North Carolina Extension Service and director of the contest; Mr. P. S. Morrisette and S. P. Woolford representing the Virginia Electric & Power Company; and other members of the county agent's staff.

Boys and girls entering the contest, now underway, must make a detailed study of a farm chore and make a report and recommendations on how this chore can be simplified by the use of electricity. The contest is designed to stimulate the use of more modern farm methods for better production at less cost in time and effort.

Participating in this territorial contest are 16 North Carolina counties receiving their supply of electricity from the Virginia Electric and Power Company and the cooperatives it serves. Two winners—one boy and one girl—will be chosen from each of the 16 counties to attend a 4-H Club Electric Congress scheduled to be held at N. C. State College in October. This Congress will climax the territorial contest.

Expenses of the Congress are being paid by the Virginia Electric & Power Company, with each county winner receiving a two-day, all expense trip to Raleigh.

One winner from each county also will receive from the Westinghouse Educational Foundation a gold-filled medal of honor. The Virginia Electric and Power Company will award two first prizes of \$100 scholarships to the boy and girl winning in the Electric Congress in Raleigh. Two second prizes of engraved gold watches also will be awarded by the Virginia Electric & Power Company at the Congress.

Winners at the Electric Congress will be eligible to compete with other winners in the State for an all-expense trip to the Nation.

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Hutson Will Head New Organization For Sale Of Leaf

Farmers To Vote On Fee-Raising Measure of 10 Cents An Acre

J. B. Hutson, former under secretary of agriculture, head of the Commodity Credit Corporation and more recently secretary of the United Nations, this week accepted the position as head of Tobacco Associates, Incorporated, an organization newly created to promote the sale of flue-cured tobacco in foreign countries. He is to draw a salary of \$25,000 annually.

Even though farmers in the flue-cured states raised \$50,000 and business firms raised another \$50,000 to finance the organization, Mr. Hutson made no promise that Tobacco Associates could boost prices to high levels or even hold them to last year's figures. He stated that there is a demand for possibly one billion pounds of American tobacco in foreign countries, but he explained that serious financial blocks are in the way of exportation. It is fairly evident that the new head of the organization will attempt to arrange for the flow of trade possibly by the age-old barter system. He could go to France and arrange for manufacturers to ship certain manufactured goods or items to this country and pay for them with tobacco, or vice versa.

The plan proposed for Tobacco Associates to execute is about the only one offered so far that even has a possibility of heading off serious trouble for tobacco farmers. Farm leaders and business men in the producing areas think the plan worth trying, at least.

To support the organization another year, farmers, by special legislative act, will vote next July 12 on the question of taxing themselves at the rate of 10 cents an acre. If three-fourths of the farmers favor the small acre tax, the organization will be continued. North Carolina tobacco farmers have been assessed \$35,000 as their share of the cost of maintaining the agency next year. There are over 800,000 acres planted to tobacco in the State, meaning that the acreage tax will raise approximately \$85,000. Directors of Tobacco Associates, meeting in Raleigh this week, explained that the additional amount could be used to expand the work of the organization, or no tax would be levied for one year.

Since the tax is very small, it is believed that few farmers will object to the plan, many having agreed that it is worth trying, at least, for a few years.

Officers Capture Small Distillery

Working along the Martin-Beaufort boundary line last Tuesday morning, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel, accompanied by Beaufort ABC officers, found and wrecked a small illicit distillery and captured a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle. The officers poured out two barrels of cheap beer and confiscated four gallons of illicit liquor.

Many Attending Revival In Church At Everetts

Large crowds are nightly attending the series of revival services now under way in the Everetts Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, announced.

Farm Life To Play The Locals Here Sunday

Farm Life of the Beaufort County Baseball League will meet Williamston, entry in the Martin County League, here in a pre-season game Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced today.

Jesse Melson Continues Quite Ill In Hospital

Mr. W. Jesse Melson, a patient in the local hospital since March 17, continues quite ill. However, he seemed to be feeling some better and fairly bright Thursday noon.

Find Abandoned Infant on Farmer's Porch In County

A bouncing eight-pound colored baby, just a few hours old and with a powerful pair of lungs, was found abandoned on Farmer John Roberts' home on the Jones Road in Williams Township at 2:30 o'clock last Tuesday morning. Steps were taken immediately by the family to adopt the little cast-off.

About 12:30 that morning, Roberts' granddaughter heard a car stop in front of their home. She called her grandfather and he looked out the window just in time to see a colored woman hurriedly leave the yard and jump into a car equipped with white sidewall tires and a straight exhaust. The car was driven away rapidly. Unable to explain the late visit, the family went back to sleep, and two hours later Roberts' wife heard a baby cry. Going to the front porch they found

the unbathed newly-born infant packed amidst a few old rags in an Old Mr. Boston liquor box. Tobacco twine was used to tie the cord, the crude operation indicating that no recognized authority attended the mother.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was called, and the case was duly investigated, but no trace of the mother could be found immediately. Welfare and health department officials were contacted and plans were advanced for adoption. The authorities were greatly relieved when they learned that the Roberts wanted the child, one report stating that some of them had recognized responsibility in caring for the cast-off.

Since it was delivered in a box with the name of Boston on it, the child has been christened "Boston Roberts" for whatever role he may be destined to play in life.

School Program Still Uncertain In County

VOTING HOURS

The polls for Williamston's first municipal primary election are scheduled to open at 6:30 o'clock next Monday morning and close that evening at 6:30 o'clock. Voting will be limited to one location in the firemen's headquarters in the City Hall.

The election officials are John E. Pope, registrar; and Reginald Simpson and Jesse T. Price, judges of election.

Rebuilding Fire-Damaged Property

Materials for rebuilding a large storage house and dry kiln, wrecked by fire at the plant of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company near the river here last Friday night, are being placed on the lot and construction work is slated to get under way at once.

Debris of the fire has been cleared away for the construction of a new and larger storage house, Plant Superintendent W. W. Beard stating that the new structure would be larger than the one destroyed. "The owners are building a storage 80 by 140 feet," Mr. Beard said.

More than half of the machinery and equipment in the dry kiln was wrecked and several large iron beams were warped, the superintendent stating that replacements had been ordered. "We hope to have the wrecked property replaced within a few weeks," the superintendent said.

During the meantime, the large factory continues to operate, drying its basket in the open air. Operations are dependent upon weather conditions which limit the number of workers on the job at times to about one-half the normal complement.

No accurate loss estimate has been determined, the owners explaining that adjusters would not be able to check the damage until the early part of next week.

RECORD

What is recognized as a record month was turned over to the county treasurer in the form of fines, forfeitures and court costs by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne for March.

The total, not including recordings of various papers, amounted to \$3,143.65, the amount including \$2,270.00 in county court fines and \$550 bond forfeitures in the superior court. Clerk fees amounted to \$193.65; Solicitor's fees were \$384.00; recorder's fees, \$288.00 and jury tax, \$8.

While the various fees are taxed against the defendants, the collections are turned in to the treasury.

December collections amounted to \$2,454.05, the largest reported up until that time.

Name Committees For Local School Districts Tuesday

Construction Bids Asked For On Everetts Colored School

Holding their second meeting in as many days, members of the Martin County Board of Education Tuesday named committee members for the various local school districts in the county. With the exception of a few resignations, substitutions and additions, the committee lists remain about the same as they were before the appointments this week.

In notifying the committees of their reappointment or appointment, the superintendent was instructed to point out certain recommendations made by the board. The authorities recommended that the individual committees perfect their organizations without delay and that they hold meetings at regular intervals. The board also pointed out that the colored schools are being placed under the direction of the committees, that the committees are to elect all teachers and that all matters and problems relating to the colored schools, as well as the white ones, are to be cleared through the local committees before their referral to the county board.

Only one change was made in Robersonville's committee personnel. Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick was appointed to succeed Mr. W. H. Gray. Other members on the Robersonville Committee are, I. M. Little, N. C. Everett, John M. Dixon and Herbert L. Roebuck. The Everetts sub-committee in the Robersonville district, includes Garland Forbes, Alton Keel and Herbert L. Roebuck.

Williamston's old committee of three members—R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon and C. B. Clark—was reappointed, but two new members, W. Iverson Skinner and Marvin Britton, were added to the committee.

Oak City's committee was reappointed, as follows: J. A. Everett, G. E. Oglesby, E. R. Edmondson, Jr., E. E. Pittman and Francis Worsley. The Hamilton committee was left unchanged as follows: L. R. Everett, H. S. Johnson, Jr., C'layton House, At Hassell, George Ayers and W. E. Purvis were reappointed, and J. D. Etheridge was named to succeed A. E. Purvis.

Two changes were made, but the membership for the Jamesville District is still limited to three men, Elmer Modlin, W. E. Manning and C. G. Gurkin. Manning and Gurkin are succeeding J. C. Kirkman and John Gardner.

Farm Life retains its old committee, P. E. Getsinger, A. J. Hardison and B. F. Lilley.

At Bear Grass E. C. Harrison, W. C. Jones and Kneezar Harrison were reappointed.

Jaycees Announce Prize Winners Monday Evening

At the Jaycees' spring dance, held last Monday evening, the drawing for the three valuable prizes being offered took place, and winners were the following persons. The first prize on 11-tube Stromberg-Carlson combination radio-phonograph set, went to J. D. Price, Jr., Bear Grass township. The second prize, a deluxe boys bicycle, was won by At-torney Edgar Garganus, local resident now working in Raleigh.

The third prize, a 5-tube table model radio, was won by Mrs. C. C. Parker of Williamston. Chairman of the County Commissioners John H. Edwards presided over the drawing, and was assisted by Jaycee James Bullock, Miss Emma Lou Taylor did the drawing blindfolded.

According to preliminary reports, the Jaycees cleared about \$423.00 from the raffle, this amount to be donated to the Williamston High School Band, to be used where needed most.

Stores Begin Closing Next Wednesday for Holiday

Beginning next Wednesday, April 16, Williamston stores and offices, with few exceptions, will observe Wednesday afternoon of each week as a holiday. The stores will close at 12 o'clock noon, and the holiday schedule will be maintained until tobacco marketing time.

West End Church Plans Barbecue

As an expression of their appreciation for the encouragement offered in the form of cash and material gifts, the members of the newly organized West End Baptist Church are giving a free barbecue dinner to those who made contributions, it was announced by Deacon Exum L. Ward today.

The dinner will be given next Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock on the church grounds, and there'll be no solicitations, Mr. Ward, finance committee chairman, declared. "We just want our friends to know that we appreciate what they have already done in helping us with the construction of our new church building," Mr. Ward said.